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BOTH SMILING.-U.S. President Nixon bids goodbye to Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban at the White House. Eban declared U.S. and Israel understand each other.

Big news leaked

ISRAEL NOW ATOMIC POWER

GOLDA FIRM; IMPOSED DEAL IS REJECTED

by the CJN diplomatic editor

Israel already is an atomic power, according to Hanson W. Baldwin, military editor of the New York Times and one of the world's most respected experts on strategy.

In a despatch to the New York Times, published on Sunday, Mr. Hanson stated:

• "Israel has nuclear plants...

"One authority, but only one, 'guessed' she already had an atomic weapon. She also has the capacity, in the majority view, to produce atomic bombs within three to six months. For some time she has been testing and modifying a French 250-mile ballistic missile. But experts outside Israel believe the missile still has an inadequate guidance-system and cannot be used operationally for at least the rest of the year."

(A prominent Canadian statesman, when asked by The Canadian Jewish News whether Israel is in possession of the atomic bomb, answered diplomatically: "I hope not.")

• At the United Nations in New York, the comments upon Baldwin's estimate of Israel's strength, including its atomic preparedness, were: this is no exaggeration. The conviction there is widespread that the New York Times evaluation of Israel's power—despite Soviet aid—and that the Arabs are not stronger militarily, the Israelis are—is correct.

Also the statement by Israel's new Prime Minister, Golda Meir, on Tuesday when she presented her new government to the Knesset—that Israel will not budge from the occupied territories one inch without a peace treaty—is no bluff.

It is stressed at the United Nations that Abba Eban, the Foreign Minister, until now know as the dove of the Government, underlined at several occasions his country's determination not to give in to Arab blackmail and return to the pre-June borders. For Israel is strong enough to support her resolutions and powerful enough to deter her enemies' friends from becoming involved in a new war, it is said in New York.

• Furthermore it is stated by military experts that Mrs. Meir's declaration last week—that the Arabs must observe the ceasefire agreement they signed following the Six Day War—means such military sorties as the attacks against the terrorist bases in Jordan will be repeated. The latest conference between Nasser and Hussein in Cairo left the Israelis unimpressed although some believe peace negotiations may continue because of Nixon's engagement in this effort.

Despite rumors to the contrary, the United States will not pressure Israel into any surrender or a repetition of the Eisenhower ultimatum because of American interests in the Middle East.

• Greece is very much concerned about the presence of the Soviet Navy in the eastern Mediterranean and has indicated to Washington that she, a NATO partner, feels more secure due to Israel's strengthened presence.

• Mrs. Meir told the Knesset that the only thing Israel wants is peace, nothing more but nothing less—and peace by direct negotiations. Any decision by the Big Four, the Israeli Premier said, will be considered by her as a mere recommendation.

Mrs. Meir continued that certain guarantees by the Big Four are meaningless. She said:

"Why should we place our trust in them when the very existence of Israel is at stake? Throughout the years of our own statehood, we have had enough of such unsuccessful, international arrangements. What is left of all these? What must we learn from the situation in May, 1967, and from the conduct then of the big maritime powers when Nasser made an effort to close all sea lanes for us?

The Prime Minister received a standing ovation from the Knesset when she added, "What can we rely upon if not on our own strength? Can our hope to be free from threats be considered a luxury? Why should anyone defend the position of our neighbors' policy to refuse to negotiate and make peace with us? Why should anyone fail to understand our desire to put an end to wars and to conclude peace treaties with our neighbors? "

Mrs. Meir actually was sworn in as new prime minister on Monday. She presented the former Eshkol Cabinet, including the Herut Liberal Bloc, the National Religious Party, the Israel Labor Party and the Independent Liberals.

She received the greatest vote of confidence in the history of the Knesset: 82 votes to 12. Although Mrs. Meir declared she will continue the policies of the Eshkol Government, political observers in Jerusalem said her position will be more intransigent than was Eshkol's and more outspoken. Dayan and Begin remain in the new cabinet.

New envoy declares

CANADA AMITY SOLID

Canada has become a synonym for indestructable democratic traditions and a power dedicated to peaceful and prosperous coexistence of diverse customs and cultures, Ephraim Evron, Israel's new Ambassador to Canada told the Governor General and the Foreign Minister of our country this week when he presented his accreditation as envoy of the State of Israel.

His Excellency Ephraim Evron, Israel's new Ambassador to Canada.

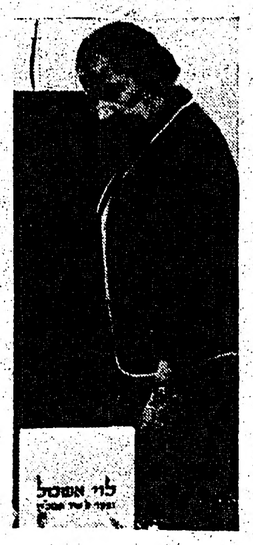
Mr. Evron also expressed his thanks to the people of Canada and their governments who "in unbroken succession" have so helpfully supported the cause of Israel.

Mr. Evron, who was received warmly, presented his credentials on Tuesday.

The Israeli Ambassador also assured the Canadian Government that this friendship demonstrated by Canada towards Israel since its rebirth is reciprocal and that Canada is held in deep admiration by the people of Israel.

(The full text of Mr. Evron's statement during the ceremony in Ottawa appears inside this issue.)

Mr. Evron, 49 years old and born in Haifa, is the first native born Israeli to represent his country here. Before serving in Israel's army, he was a soldier in the British Middle East Forces during World War II. He also was posted in many important diplomatic representations of his nation, among them Washington, London and Sweden.



VISITS PREDECESSOR'S GRAVE.-Golda Meir, at tombstone of Levi Eshkol last Monday.

SUEZ FIGHT PROVES ISRAELI SUPERIORITY

Tel Aviv (JCNS) - Egyptian losses in the artillery battles across the Suez Canal far exceeded those openly admitted by Cairo, according to reliable Israeli military sources.

They pointed out that Lieutenant-General Abdel Moneim Riad, the Egyptian Chief of Staff, was not alone when the Israeli shell destroyed the position in which he was mortally wounded. Besides other Egyptian high-ranking officers, the victims might have included Soviet advisors who usually joined General Riad during his front-line tours.

Military observers have also good reasons to believe that Algerian units received a mauling from Israel's artillery fire, and that even Sudanese and Kuwaiti units on the Canal suffered losses.

They noted with satisfaction that the Israeli Army had proved its superiority in a static battle after having done so in the mobile battles during the Six-Day War.

The Israeli Army, they added, had shown that it was capable of adapting to new situations and of facing the enemy in its concrete fortifications no less effectively than it did when chasing him through Sinai.

Despite Israel's numerical inferiority in contrast to the hundreds of guns controlled by the enemy, her artillery achieved a qualitative superiority by the accuracy of its fire which destroyed tens of enemy artillery posts. Egyptian 122 mm guns and 120 and 160 mm mortars failed to make an impact on Israel's new fortified line on the Canal's east bank, observers declared.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO U.N. POSTS

United Nations, New York, (JCNS) - A spokesman for the United Nations secretariat said here that damage to U.N. observation posts in the Suez Canal area during the artillery battle between Egyptian and Israeli forces on Saturday, were the most extensive since the Six-Day War.

In one post, he added, the radio room and much of the equipment was destroyed; in another, a generator and a water tank were destroyed. One observer was slightly wounded.

INDIA JEWS HONORED

Ernakulam (JCNS) - Bombay's Gate of Mercy Synagogue at Mandevi can be regarded as a memorial to the military history of the Jews in India which may be said to have begun formally in 1760 when Samuel Ezekiel Divekar and his four brothers enlisted in the army. They were the sons of Hassajo Divekar who lived in the Janjira area of Bombay.

Samuel Divekar, leader of a number of Bene Israel in a company of soldiers in the service of the East India Company, was taken prisoner in one of the campaigns against Tipu Sahib. He built the synagogue, which was completed in 1796, in thanksgiving for his release.

Tipu Sahib gave his captives the choice of embracing Islam or death and when Samuel Divekar told him he belonged to the Bene Israel, Tipu's mother interceded with her son to spare the lives of these people who were mentioned in the Koran.

All the Bene Israel were freed and Tipu's mother gave them valuable presents.

BENE ISRAEL'S PART IN MILITARY SERVICE

Members of the Bene Israel continued giving military service in the succeeding centuries, including some 100 with the Bombay Infantry during the Indian Mutiny in 1857.

Evidence of this service is provided by the Bene Israel cemeteries in different parts of India where no Jewish communities were established. They include the cemeteries at Kolhapur, Satara and Nagpur in the Bombay region and at Madras and Dharwar in Mysore.

Many Bene Israel and two Cochin Jews fought in the Second World War. Cochin records show that in earlier centuries battles were stopped on Friday evenings for Jewish soldiers to observe the Sabbath, but more details of this practice have yet to be discovered.

A large number of the Bene Israel officers remembered are: Subedar Major Shalom Moses Penkar (15th Bombay Infantry); Subedars Bahadur Daniel Isaac Talkar (4th Bombay Infantry) and Bahadur Ezekiel Solomon; Subedars Abrahamji Samuel (Bombay Marine Unit), Samuel Moses Nagawkar and Ezekiel Samuel.

COPPER PLATES TESTIMONY

Some historians believe that the famous Copper Plates in the possession of Kerala Jews bear testimony to an earlier record of military service in India.

About 1,000 C.E., Jews were in communication with Bhaskara Ravi Varma, and these historians are of opinion that under their leader Joseph Rabban, they actively supported him in his struggle with Rajaraja the Great, the Chola King, and that the "Extraordinary gifts" of the Copper Plate privileges were given in appreciation of their services.

Although historians may differ over the date when Jews arrived in Kerala to settle, they are unanimous that Jews were trading with local inhabitants even in the time of King Solomon.

Today members of the Bene Israel are serving in the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force as well as in the Civil Service.

In 1965, Colonel Joseph Ephraim Jhirad was killed while serving in the Indian Army in the war with Pakistan.

U.S. SEES THREAT TO NASSER

New York (JCNS) - Growing fear about Arab terrorism is evident among Americans at the United Nations and in Washington, where the matter appears to be receiving priority consideration. But it is not the terrorist threat to Israel which concerns the Unites States. The immediate concern is that the terrorists endanger attempts to bring about some measure of stability within the Arab world itself.

U.S. displomats do not discount the possibility that the terrorists may become strong enough to topple both President Nasser and King Hussein. That the West, particularly America, wants to maintain the throne of Hussein is not novel, but the fear for Nasser's future is new.

There is apparently an acceptance in the State Department of a "new Nasser" based on his sweet words to President Nixon on his inauguration, and the many feelers he has put out for resumption of relations.

American fears over terrorist activities were stated by Mr. Charles Yost, the U.S. envoy to the U.N., in television interviews. He foresaw a danger that the Arab governments might lose control over the "irregular organizations," thereby making peace "infinitely more difficult."

Iran supports

Jewish schools

Paris (JCNS) - Mr. Farrokhrou Parsaye, the Iranian Minister of Education, visited the school of the Alliance Israelite Universelle "Ittihad" in Tehran, the biggest in the country, last week.

He was accompanied by Madame Parsaye and by high officials at the Ministry, among them Dr. Mehdi Bathai, the Under-Secretary of State and Mr. Minou, the director of studies. Also present were Mr. Lutfallah Hay, the deputy representing the Jews in Parliament, and who is also a member of the school's board council, and Dr. Ben-Moussa, the representative of the American Joint Distribution Committee.

M. Andre Cuenca, the director-general of the Alliance, recalled in a speech the history of the Work done by the organization in Iran since 1898 when the first Alliance school was opened.

YUGOSLAV JEWS OBSERVE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Belgrade (JCNS) - The Federation of Yugoslav Jewish Communities is preparing to celebrate the fiftieth year of its foundation in 1919, after the creation of the modern State of Yugoslavia.

Up to the time of the Nazi occupation in 1941, Yugoslav Jewry was one of the best organized and progressive communities of Europe, and the Federation was active and successful in every sphere of religious, social, national, and cultural life.

After the war, Yugoslavia's decimated community remained true to its traditions, re-establishing its identity and making its mark afresh, especially in the cultural and social fields.

Of the 75,000 Jews in the country in 1939, only about 16,000 were left in 1945, when the Second World War ended. Since then, 8,000 have emigrated to Israel and 1,500 to America and other countries, so that today there are only some 6,500 Jews left in Yugoslavia.

SOME NEWSPAPERS TURN ANTISEMITIC

Applications for the institution of criminal proceedings against the editors of certain Yugoslav newspapers and some of their contributors have been made to the competent authorities by the Federation of Yugoslav Communities and a number of individual communities.

The reason is the appearance of articles which can only be described as anti-semitic. Although the Yugoslav press has - not surprisingly - been anti-Israel and overtly pro-Arab since the Six-Day War in June, 1967, it remained free from antisemitism until some time ago.

However, a number of newspapers have been showing increasing tendencies towards the expression of anti-Jewish feelings, and the action by the Federation is the outcome.

The Yugoslav Constitution guarantees freedom of the press, but specifically outlaws any writings which can generate national, racial or religious intolerance, hatred or disunity.

Discover Bronze Age Weapons

Haifa (JCNS) - A store of weapons believed to date back to the Bronze Age (2200-1800 B.C.E.) has been discovered in an underground cave at Kibbutz Hanita, in Western Galilee.

The kibbutz members were digging the foundations for a shelter when they found a number of caves of various sizes, one of which contained the weapons.

They have been sent to Jerusalem for examination by Antiquities Department experts, and will be returned to form part of Hanita's museum.

Brigadier-General Avraham Eden, new commander of the Israeli Armoured Corps, reviews some of his men after taking up his duties this week.

Commentary

by M. J. Nurenberger

POWER FOR PEACE

The statement by Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban following his Washington talks last weekend and the exclusive interview with Canada's former Foreign Minister Paul Martin published in The Canadian Jewish News of March 14th should be analyzed in context with the new role of Nixon and America's venture to establish a climate of peace.

As it appears from Mr. Martin's evaluation of Nixon's efforts with regard to Europe, Southeast Asia and the Middle East, there is no doubt that the American president has created a climate for peace negotiations. There is a feeling in Ottawa as well as in other capitals dedicated to peace that the edge of the sword in the universal cold war is not so blunt as a few months ago.

Mr. Eban reflected the same opinions when he summarized his Washington visit.

Will Mr. Nixon succeed where Johnson had failed? Will he be able to move from the climate of peace negotiations into actual discussion and, last but not least, establish a new international order?

The excursion into Europe by the new American president has been a great diplomatic success. As one prominent Italian industrialist said of the U. S. leader after he had met him: I am a car manufacturer but Mr. Nixon could have sold me a used car.

The American president succeeded because he came to listen, to understand, not with the glamor of a Kennedy but with the earnest attitude of a businessman and salesman.

However, whatever Mr. Nixon accomplished amounts to what Mr. Martin told The Canadian Jewish News last week: in the final analysis, no matter how important the opinions of others, the future in all points of conflict depends upon the negotiations between the United States and the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics.

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It now is clear that Mr. Nixon and perhaps the Soviet Union have given up the illusion that there can be a repetition of the Eisenhower withdrawal pressure in 1957.

The Soviet Union supports the Arab viewpoint that the Israelis must evacuate all occupied territories. This is nonsense and President Nixon admitted it when he made clear that the United States policy is peace and evacuation or peace plus evacuation—but not a return to a situation where Arab extremists would be encouraged to provoke new conflicts because after each beating they believe they always can return crying to Mother Russia.

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Let no one among the friends of Israel lose any sleep over the power of the small, dapper nation, of the Hebrew people reborn. Whether Israel only has the knowhow of producing the atomic bomb or actually is in possession of nuclear weapons, she already is a tremendous economic power, an industrial giant among the small nations of the world. Its present strategic position is the best in the history of any Hebrew commonwealth and she will not relinquish this advantage just for a scrap of paper.

For the first time the Jewish people the world over have the opportunity to consolidate something which is firmly entrenched already—to make Israel stronger and, at the same time, promote peace because only a strong Israel is a prerequisite for peace. In the words of the Old Book:

The Lord has given strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

TORONTO SYNAGOGUES AND ORGANIZATIONS

PARTY

Adath Israel Brotherhood will hold a wine and cheese party this Sunday evening. Special guest: Barry G. Lowes, chairman, Metropolitan Board of Education.

LECTURE

A lecture took place yesterday at B'nai Israel Beth David, arranged by the synagogue's Adult Education Committee for its Contemporary Affairs Institute, Dr. Benjamin Schlesinger spoke on: The Jewish Family -- Fact or Fiction? Cochairmen were Jack Jacobson and Bernard Rubin.

Brotherhood will sponsor its breakfast meeting this Sunday morning. Guest speaker will be June Callwood, vice president, Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

The Religious School will hold a model seder next Thursday.

OFFICERS

The following officers of Eitz Chaim were elected recently: I.M. Korolnek, H. Rubenstein, honorary presidents; H. Korolnek, H.P. Botnick, Chil Elbaum, copresidents; Charles Garfunkel, Samuel Kerzner, A. Starkman, honorary vice presidents; Abe Bleeman, Yitz Feldman, P.G. Kurtz, L.J.E. Moses, Marcus Nussbaum, Kurt Rothschild, Joseph Silver, Joseph Tanenbaum, Dr. M.B. Weinberg, vice presidents; Samuel Wortsman, treasurer; P.G. Kurtz, chairman of education committee; Joseph Tanenbaum, chairman of finance; Sam Nussbaum, chairman of tuition; Albert S. Engel, chairman of membership; Joseph Silver, house chairman; E.E. Rosenbluth, chairman of school services.

CONFAB

The Commission on Jewish Education of the United Synagogue of America is holding its annual conference for teachers and laymen this Sunday, 10:30 - 3:30, at B'nai Israel Beth David. Topic: Education for Life. Rabbi Albert Pappenheim, chairman of the Commission, will welcome as keynote speaker Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg of Beth Tzedec.

ATTENDED CONVENTION

Five rabbis for the Ontario Region, Rabbinical Assembly, were among the 500 members of the International Association of Conservative Rabbis at a conference last weekend at the Concord Hotel: Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg of Beth Tzedec, Toronto; Rabbi Leonard Berkowitz of Camp Ramah Office, Toronto; Rabbi Albert Pappenheim, B'nai Israel Beth David, Downsview; Rabbi Marc Samuels, Or Shalom, London; Rabbi Israel Silverman, Beth Jacob, Hamilton.

STUDY RETREAT

Forty-one members of B.B. Youth Organization in southern Ontario region and four staff members joined a similar group from the Montreal BBYO region in a study retreat at Ste. Agathe des Monte, Quebec, last weekend. Rabbi Joseph Deichter of Montreal served as scholar-in-residence. Theme of the Kallah: The Relevance of Judaism to 20th Century Living. The following teenagers from Toronto attended: Al Silverstein; Janice Swartz; Rick Haber; Dave Debora; Sue Patton; Miriam Diamond; Marci Segal; Mary Goldstein; Marsha Katzman; Debbie Mayers; Elaine Caveller; Sandy Vale; Sherry Wallensky; Susan Scharf; Marilyn Morgan; Dene Lettman; Anita Levin; Andy Sos; Steve Benjamin; Gary Earnatt; Dave Lieberman; Josey Fireberg; Phyllis Schlifer; Ron Ander; Candy Leroy; Marsha Goldstein; Randi Rotman; Eli Dubinsky; Marci Sokolowski; Etti Morgan.

Harold Smith, regional director for Ontario and Northwest New York State, supervised. Judi Prince of Buffalo was youth delegation leader.

BIBLE CONTEST

Upper Canada Lodge and Leonard Mayzel Lodge, B'nai B'rith, are sponsoring the tenth annual Ontario regional Bible contest for students of Toronto and Ontario Jewish schools, this Sunday, March 23rd, as was announced by Stephen E. Berger, chairman, Toronto Board of Jewish Education. There are three divisions: advanced Hebrew for day school students; intermediate Hebrew for afternoon Hebrew schools; comprehensive English for students who study the Bible in English. Top winners will represent the Ontario District in the national finals to be held in New York City in May.

The following Toronto Jewish schools will be represented: Associated Junior Day High School; Beth Am Congregational School; Beth Tzedec Congregational School; Bialik Hebrew Day School; B'nai Israel Congregational School, St. Catharines; Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (Senior Day High); Ner Israel Yeshiva College; Temple Sinai Religious School; United Synagogue Day School.

The contest is administered locally by the Board of Jewish Education under the chairmanship of its acting director, Alexander Brown. Sponsor: the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency.

Stephen Shaul, student of the Associated Junior Day High School who won in the national finals last year, will represent Canada at the International Youth Bible Contest in Jerusalem during the coming Yom Haatzmaout.

EXECUTIVE

The newly elected executive of the Toronto Council of Jewish Brotherhoods includes: Max Clement, immediate past president; Harry Berns, president; Ralph Etigson, vice president; Sam Shulman, secretary; Mel Olsberg, treasurer; Frank Warner, executive secretary.

PASSOVER SEMINAR

The Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth and the Orthodox Jewish Scientists are sponsoring a pre-Passover seminar at the Agudath Israel Building, Sunday evening March 23rd. Medical and Halachic problems in relation to Pessach will be discussed. Participating will be Dr. Yehudi Shields and a panel of rabbis. Rabbi S. Gold, moderator.

DISCUSS ISRAEL IMMIGRATION

Uri Kroch, a community supervisor in Israel now engaged in studies at the University of Toronto, will discuss the social adjustments of the Western immigrant in Israel---the developing society, this Sunday evening at the Zionist Center. For many years Mr. Kroch has been involved in social research as a youth counsellor in immigrant villages and as a community worker in the Lachish district. His experiences should be of assistance and interest to members of the Chug Aliyah of Toronto.

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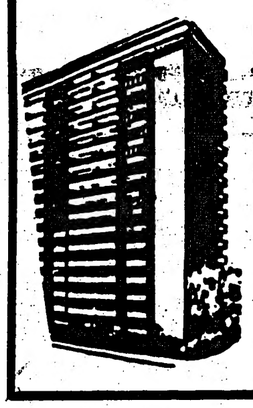

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ISRAELI AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT ABOUT CANADA

Ottawa (CJN) - Following is the text of Israeli Ambassador's address when presenting his credentials to the Governor General.

Your Excellency:

I regard it as a very special honor and privilege to present to Your Excellency the Letter from the President of the State of Israel, Mr. Shneur Zalman Shazar, which accredits me to Her Majesty the Queen of Canada in the capacity of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Israel to your great country.

I come to fill the empty place of a beloved colleague whose distinguished career in Israel's Diplomatic Service was so tragically cut short and who is so deeply mourned by all that knew him. I trust that I may be allowed to pay this parting tribute to Arieh Eshel here today.

I am profoundly conscious of the significance of the responsible mission which has been entrusted to me by the President and by the Government of Israel.

In the family of nations, Canada, by virtue of the resolve and dedication of its citizens, has become a synonym for indestructable democratic traditions, for the far-sighted mobilization of Man's skill and intellect in the development of national resources on the largest possible scale, and for most beneficial uses, and for the peaceful and prosperous coexistence of citizens of manifold origins and of diverse customs and cultures. Moreover, Canada stands, above all, for steadfast and unwearying endeavor to foster peace, liberty, tranquility and justice throughout the world. It is, indeed, these selfsame objectives that we in Israel are ourselves seeking to bring about in our own small country and, no less, in the whole of the region where we have immemorially dwelt. They are the sure signposts that guide us in our task of making a new society of brotherhood and righteousness in an age-old land.

It is, then, values and aims of that kind which are held in common and are pursued in common by both our nations. It is these that are the solid and sustaining infrastructure of the sympathy and friendship which the people of Canada and their Governments in unbroken succession have so helpfully extended to the State of Israel since its rebirth, and of the heartfelt reciprocity of deep admiration, warm affection and sincere gratitude which the people of Israel entertain towards Canada.

It is my wish and my hope to strengthen the links of goodwill and mutual understanding that join Canada and Israel, and to that end I shall do my utmost to advance every manner of rewarding cooperation and exchanges between the two countries.

It is with a sense of humility that I take up my new duties, but I believe that I can have the comfort of knowing that, in my discharge of them, I shall be able to count on Your Excellency's kindly interest and on the collegiate help and accessibility of the members of the Government and of the Civil Service of Canada.

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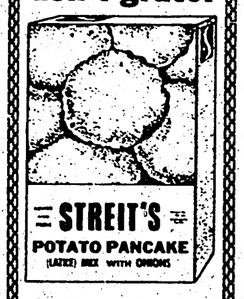

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Kosher For Passover

Some personal reflections this Passover from one family to another.

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BY DANIEL SPERBER

BANKING IN TALMUDIC TIMES

Palestine in Roman Times lay at the cross-roads of the world's main trade-routes. Gold moving from Gaul to India, spices and silks from China to the West, minerals from Mauretania and Ethiopia to Persia and even Siam, all passed through Syria. Much passed through Palestinian ports and market-towns.

We have records of wine and dried fish arriving by ship from Anatolia and Egypt to the ports of Acco and Caesarea, Greek and Mysian pottery being used in the Galilee. Palestine, for her part, exported many different commodities, such as olive-oil to Laodicea, date-syrup (from Hericho) and even asphalt to neighboring districts.

The volume of trade was very considerable, and as a result a multitude of different currencies found their way into the commercial centers of the country. For while (Italian) Romans used denarii, Parthians used drachms, Egyptians tetradrchms, the people of Asia Minor (Lydians, Cappodocians, etc.) obols, and so forth.

Furthermore, Gallic denarii had a different weight and standard of metallic fineness from Hispanic or Italic ones, Syrian (cistophoric) tetradrachms quite a distinct value from Tyrian ones. It is thus perfectly understandable why the "money-changer" (shulchani in Hebrew) should have become a key figure in every Palestinian market centre.

He had to be acquainted with the different kinds of coins, constantly-changing international exchange-rates, and, even more complex, the ever-fluctuating values of the local bronze coinages. For just as each country (or group of countries) had its own national gold and/or silver coinage, almost every major city had its own local bronze money. The relationships between the local bronze and national silver and gold coins varied virtually from village to village.

The "banker's" main job was to hand out local coins for use in the market in exchange for silver and gold ones, or, if his client was a merchant travelling abroad to sell his wares, to exchange the local coins for internationally negotiable currency. He had to have a sound knowledge of international affairs, to be certain that what he was handing out was legal tender in the country of his client's destination.

It was all too common for warring countries to declare their enemies' coinages as worthless, and when one ruler deposed another he would sometimes cancel all the old coins. The banker-cum-money-changer was, then, a well-educated person of considerable abilities.

As Jewish law forbade him to take interest on any loan he might make (to a Jew), his main source of profit was from the banker's "agio" (exchange-free) which he received on every transaction he made. This usually took the form of a fixed percentage of the sum handled (4-8 per cent). He would weigh the coins on a special "banker's balance" fixed to his table, to make sure they were of full weight, and then record the transaction in a pinkas (ledger).

Where an employer had a standing arrangement with his banker for the employees to draw their salaries from his account, the book-keeping could be quite complicated. Thus, to be a good shulchani, he had also to be a competent accountant.

There were many fringe-benefits to banking in those days. Since one coin could have different values in different countries, and even districts, it paid, at times, to acquire a stock of one sort of coin and to move it to a neighboring area and thus raise its value. Successful financiers would set up a chain of "banks" and have their agents shift their stocks around to their own advantage.

When this sort of activity worked against the interest of the State treasury, as in the mid-forth century C.E., laws were made forbidding the movement of more than a minimal amount of currency. From the severity of the punishments meted out one can gauge the seriousness of the threat such transactions posed, and deduce the extent of their practice.

But an even more dangerous activity, from the government's point of view, was the minting of false coins. Banking networks and monopolies could corner considerable amounts of money and bullion (officially intended as tax payments or army pay), melt them down, adulterate the metal (gold or silver) and mint new coins with as much as 50 per cent base stuff admixed.

The Roman legal codes of the mid-fourth century contain extensive legislation against coining and the melting down of coins. The penalties were extremely severe. And the rabbis of the same period, when they wished to give examples of common kinds of swindling in their Sabbath sermons, would speak of publicans who mixed wine with water, jewellers who adulterate gold with base-metal, and bankers who (even) coat (bronze) coins with silver or gold.

Banking in Roman Palestine offered good opportunities for the talented person. If he set himself up in a busy port or brisk market-town, advertized himself (inter aglia, by wearing a coin in his ear to indicate his profession), and got the right sort of financial backing, he could go very far. Many bankers, however, fell into the trap of "speculation".

They invested all their resources in money, which was virtually untaxable, but open to rapid devaluation. For changes, both political and economic, could be devastatingly sudden, and the rush to sell frequently came too late. In times of monetary instability and economic upheaval, the rabbis soundly advised that, despite the heavy taxation on agricultural produce, the only really safe investment was still in land.

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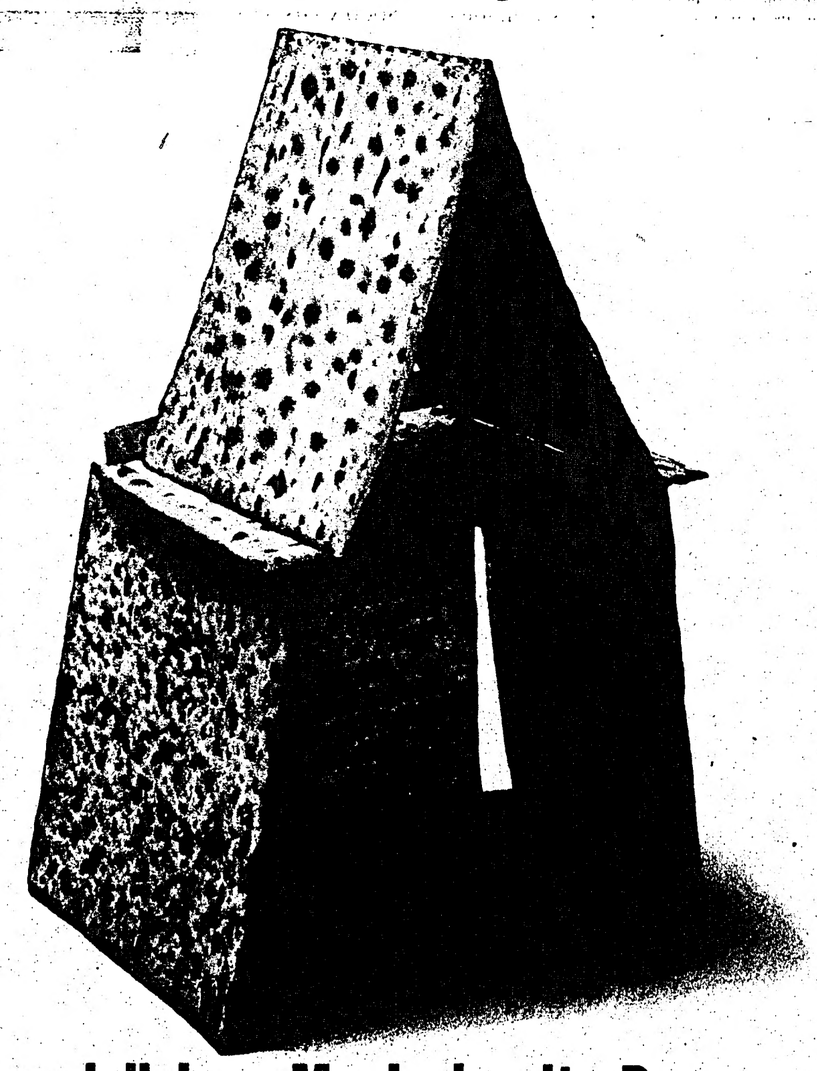

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Those who visit this exhibit are thinking not only of the art works shown there but also of so many Jewish masterpieces.

For twenty years Rembrandt painted Jews. Some critics attest that even in some of his other works the Master had been influenced by "Jewish eyes": these eyes reflect a certain typical Hebrew sadness.

Among the great works of Rembrandt remembered in Jewish history are, first, his own self-portrait which he had painted when he lived in the Jewish Quarter.

Then: The Portrait Of A Jew; Old Man With Red Fur Cap In An Armchair; Ephraim Bonus; Rabbi Menasseh ben Israel; The Jewish Bride; Portrait Of A Jewish Merchant; An Old Jew Studying The Talmud; An Oriental Jew; Portrait Of An Old Jew; The Synagogue; Jacob's Ladder; David And Goliath; Division Of Daniel; Jeremiah; Jacob Caressing Benjamin; The Purim etching, Triumph Of Mordecai; Abraham's Sacrifice; David And Absalom; The Finding Of The Child Moses; numerous others.

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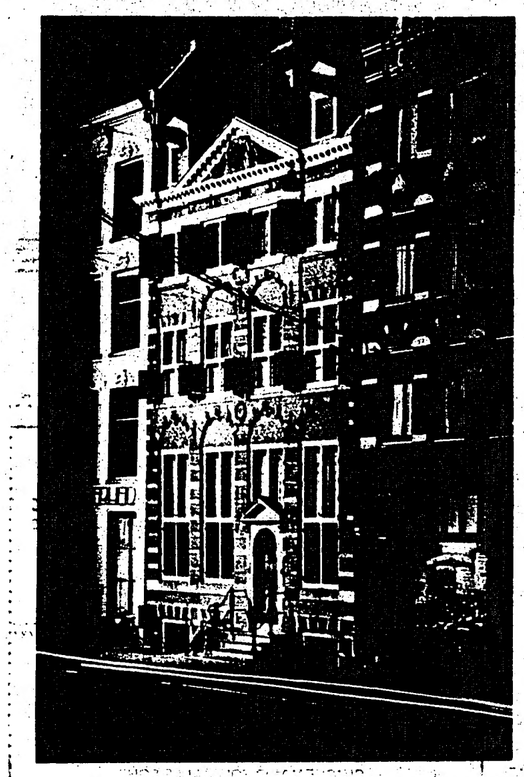

REMBRANDT HOUSE.-This patrician dwelling on Jodenbreestraat in Amsterdam's Jewish section (Holland never had ghettos for Jews) is where Rembrandt painted his most famous masterworks. It still is one of the great attractions for every tourist, Jew and non-Jew.

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In Toronto, we are informed, KLM has appointed a special department head to coordinate all Israel reservations directly and through travel agents. She is Miss Lori Azoulay.

Still Inspiring

The exhibit undoubtedly will inspire many to travel overseas to visit Amsterdam where Rembrandt's house on Jodenbreestraat still stands, well preserved by the city as a Rembrandt memorial. Rembrandt lived in this house for twenty years, across the street from his friend, the Chief Rabbi of the town.

Visitors to Amsterdam, whether traveling to Europe only or en route to Israel, also may acquaint themselves with one of the largest Jewish libraries in the world, the Rosenthaliana. They can see the famous dockworker, the monument put up by the citizens of Amsterdam for those Dutchmen who fell by the hand of the Nazis during World War II.

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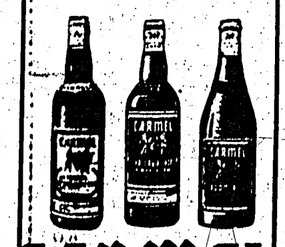

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WE INTERVIEW BONN'S CONSUL GENERAL

HOW WITNESSES AGAINST NAZI CRIMINALS RELIVE THE PAST

One of the miracles of the postwar world has been the reestablishment of normal rapport between the Jewish state and West Germany. The friendship of the late Chancellor Konrad Adenauer with David Ben Gurion, then the beginning of the period of diplomatic relations between Jerusalem and Bonn entered upon by Premier Levi Eshkol, the reparations deal and the very cordial cooperation between the West German Government and the Israeli regime indirectly have influenced Jewish-German relations throughout the world. Efforts have been made by German diplomatic representatives in many countries including Canada to bring these relations to a point where the ugliest features of the Nazi past be forgotten and the bright promise of working together for a better world become known to an ever increasing number of Jews and Germans.

These are the ideas interpreted by Burkard Baron von Muellenheim-Rechberg, the German Consul General in Toronto.

The Baron spoke to a reporter of The Canadian Jewish News about his career and the friends of his youth among whom were opponents, both racial and political, of the Nazis.

Baron von Muellenheim is extremely interested in the Jewish community here and its development as were his predecessors.

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The Consul General of Germany in Toronto was born in Berlin in 1910. He was raised practically in the Navy. His good fortune was that early in the Second World War he became a prisoner of war and spent several years in British and Canadian POW camps including one in Bowmanville, Ontario. He made good use of his years there by studying law, history and languages. He also engaged in musical activities. When he returned to Germany in 1946, he resumed his studies at the famous law school of the University of Frankfort on Main, a known citadel of German liberalism.

In 1952 Dr. von Muellenheim entered the Bonn diplomatic service. He served first in Iceland then at the German NATO Delegation in Paris. From those years he retained his dedicated interest in the North American Treaty Alliance and defense of democracy.

He also served as Ambassador to the Belgian Congo. Last April he was appointed Consul General in Toronto succeeding Dr. Werner Oppel.

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One of the activities of the German Consulate General in Toronto which is of special interest is the Legal Department directed by Dr. Gudrun Vogel, an international lawyer, a woman who is Vice Consul of West Germany.

This Legal Department of the Consulate General is very well known to many Jews for it deals to a great extent in the areas of restitution to the victims of Hitlerism and the prosecution of Nazi crimes.

The Legal Department of the Consulate here represents the German courts and public prosecutors who seek evidence against Nazi criminals from survivors of the Nazi atrocities. Thus the Consulate assists the German courts in bringing Nazi criminals to trial.

With the exception of New York City, the Consulate General of Toronto handles more such cases than any West German outpost in America.

The Consul General, Baron Muellenheim, and Vice Consul Vogel described to this reporter some of the problems concerning their assistance to public prosecutors or judges in Germany. Foremost among these problems is finding witnessed demanded by the Bonn authorities. As people often are on the move, the Legal Department must search for them. In this area they are helped by Canadian Jewish organizations interested in the case.

Sometimes convincing the people to sign affidavits at the Consulate becomes another issue. Understandably most of these witnesses prefer not to talk about their terrifying experiences during World War II. Still the diplomatic talents of the officials prevail and many have submitted important statements.

As Dr. Vogel described her interviews with some potential witnesses:

"These hearings are often nerve-wracking, both for the person interviewed and me. It goes without saying that one who had suffered under the Nazi regime and had lost members of his family finds it painful to relive the past by giving evidence.

"To a certain extent, I myself am in a difficult position. I must revive their memories, I must obtain more detailed information on a specific horrible event and I have to determine whether the person testifying was an eye witness.

"So far as stirring up memories is concerned, witnesses very often tell me they would like to forget whatever happened, they say nothing can make them whole again or bring their families back to life; though they must continue to live on, nevertheless they dislike talking about the events of the past."

Dr. Vogel continued, "Very often witnesses, whose small children literally were torn from their arms to be killed -- sometimes right before their very eyes --, come to our office. There are men and women who lost husbands and wives, those who lost parents, brothers and sisters.

"I do not know whether they hate all Germans or whether they had suffered so much, they are indifferent to Germany and the Germans. What I can say is that never have they ever emitted one nasty word to me nor have they ever treated me or my secretaries in an unfriendly manner.

"Sometimes they cry, men and women alike, but there never is an outburst of hatred. If witnesses speak at all about why they have come to us, the most oftheard explanations are: we owe it to our dead friends and relatives to provide evidence against their murderers; we want all Germans to know what had happened to us; it is our duty to help bring about justice."

"During this hearing," Dr. Vogel went on, "I must insist upon precise details; it is necessary to establish whether the witness saw a particular incident himself or whether it was hearsay. This always is somewhat trying. I attempt to explain that my asking these questions does not mean I do not believe their report. However, since I am gathering evidence for a trial where everything must be 'water tight', it is necessary for me to interrogate in this fashion.

"Even if we firmly believe a certain member of the SS did terrible things in Poland, we can punish him only if we have sufficient evidence. Hence we require witnesses who actually had seen him committing murder (as only murder is still punishable). There are witnesses -- especially those who knew certain Nazis very well for they had worked for them as tailors, shoemakers and in other trades --, who even today can provide accurate descriptions of persons and events.

"I remember an elderly tailor who submitted evidence at the Consulate in the presence of the judge, the public prosecutor and several lawyers who had come to Toronto to hear him. This witness was questioned for several hours; he remembered every detail of two particular events. The Nazi criminal on trial was sentenced to life imprisonment (maximum penalty in Germany), the witness from Toronto having played an important role in these proceedings.

"Thus the hearings at the Consulate are not so pointless as some witnesses seem to think."

Dr. Vogel then described the activities of the Consulate in the field of restitution:

* "Up to September, 1966, our staff assisted applicants to fill in forms registering claims, espcially if the applicant had no lawyer. Since September 30, 1966, no new claims may be registered;

* "If it is not the applicant himself but a deceased relative who had suffered under the Nazi regime, the Consulate provides the applicant with the necessary document (Erbscheinsverhandlung) which enables him to prove he is the heir and, in this capacity, entitled to register a claim. This document is issued at no charge as are all documents in restitution cases;

* "The Consulate issues or legalizes the annual Life Certificate (Lebensbescheinigung) for persons receiving a pension from the German restitution authorities;

* "In cooperation with the restitution authorities, the Consulate requests medical examinations of applicants by local doctors, pays the doctor's fee and sends the medical reports by diplomatic courier to Germany. Altogether there are more than one thousand such cases per year;

* "Most applicants retain at least two lawyers, one in Canada, the other in Germany. In such cases, the Consulate is not allowed to assume the lawyer's task, presenting the cases and their merits to the German authorities, for the lawyers could be rightly aggravated by the Consulate's meddling in their cases. Under special circumstances, however, the Consulate tries to be helpful.

LIBERAL REPRESENTATIVE OF WEST GERMANY.- Baron von Muellenheim-Rechberg, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Toronto, who was interviewed by The Canadian Jewish News. Since his arrival here the Baron has established close links with the Jewish community.

The Legal Department of this Consulate General is the largest evidence-gathering center for the prosecution of Nazi criminals by Bonn second only to New York.

Recently the Minister of Justice of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Gustav Heinemann, was elected the next president of the Bonn Republic. Dr. Heinemann is on record for eliminating, or at least extending, the Statute of Limitation for Nazi War Crimes.

This election of Dr. Heinemann will strengthen the movement for a revision of the law in the Bonn Republic to continue the punishment of those guilty of crimes against humanity.

In this article, The Canadian Jewish News reports for the first time on one of the most unusual aspects of the activity of the West German Government: the prosecution of Nazi criminals.

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ASK THE RABBI
a JCNS featurette

WHO'S A JEW?

Q. My maternal great-grandmother was Jewish, but Judaism has not been practised in our family for two generations and I have been brought up in the Church of England. May I regard myself as Jewish or do I need official conversion?

A. If you can trace your descent in the maternal line back to a Jewess you are technically Jewish according to all the authorities. Strictly speaking Judaism does not recognise any change of status as resulting from the adoption of another religion. A converted Jew is still considered to be Jewish from the legal point of view. For instance, the ruling was given centuries ago that the widow of a converted Jew who had died without issue is obliged to undergo the chalitza ceremony (Deuteronomy 25, 5-10) just as if her husband had remained in the Jewish faith. However, since there has been conversion to another faith a token ceremony of immersion and "acceptance of the Law" is required. It goes without saying that it is considered meritorious in the extreme to assist such a convert to return to the Jewish fold. When the person himself has been converted of his own free will rabbinic authorities have been known to impose a penance of some kind on him but clearly this would not apply to one brought up from infancy in another faith. The correct procedure is for you to apply for reconversion and you will be accepted gladly.

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Q. Can it be right that God, who is a God of love, should choose the Jews and prefer them above other people?

A. The problem is certainly an acute one but would seem to concern God's justice rather than His love. Love is generally selective but it does not seem just that one people should have been singled out in this way. Some present-day Jewish thinkers like Dr. Mordecai Kaplan in the U.S.A. have gone so far as to argue that it is time Jews gave up the whole notion of choseness. What can be said in defence of the traditional doctrine? First, it is a fact of human history that mankind owes its conception of ethical monotheism to the Jews so that the believer in God is not constrained to accept Israel's unique role as blind dogma but as historical fact. If it be asked why God chooses to act in this way the only answer can be that He evidently does and that for us to know fully God's purpose would mean that we ourselves would have to be God. Secondly, we can attain to some faint glimpse, at least, of why God's purposes can best be realised through revelation in the first instance to a particular group rather than to mankind in general. Ideas are remote and ineffective if at first they are spread diffusively. For their more effective realisation they have to be seen at work in a particular group. This leads to the third consideration that the finest and noblest of Jewish teachers have repeatedly stressed that Israel is to be a kingdom of priests. That is, like the priests in the Temple their role is not to further their own selfish interests but to promote the well-being of all men. The ideal is one of service and it is only in this sense that God can be said to "prefer" the Jews. Of course at times the doctrine was interpreted in a narrow, exclusive way but this is far from the ideal. It seems to me that any interpretation in terms of a qualitative difference of soul between Jew and Gentile is unworthy.

Quebec and Canada

THE CHALLENGE

The establishment of a new General Council of Industry by the Government of Quebec to promote the business interests of this province demonstrates the seriousness with which the responsible leaders there are dealing with the task of industrial development.

The Jewish community, despite all sorts of sensational reports and newspaper canards, remains part of Quebec and will continue to play a leading role in its progress. The tremendous growth of Montreal as a world city certainly is, in great measure, the result of Jewish energy, Jewish dedication and, yes, Jewish faith in the people of Quebec, one of the most peace-loving, most industrious and friendliest of human groups. In fact, as we understand the position of the Bertrand government--and this would not change no matter who among the responsible statesmen took over the reins of leadership--, it considers a Quebecker anyone who lives and works in that province no matter his racial or ethnic origin, his mother tongue or religious affiliation.

Recent figures belie the rumors that people are running from Quebec, that businessmen are withdrawing their capital. Statistics show the contrary: there is an increase in employment and business.

The Jews of Montreal will continue to contribute to the development of this beautiful, cosmopolitan city. They are divided politically, as are all other citizens, but united in their loyalty to their home, Quebec and Canada.

As the late Premier Daniel Johnson once told the editor of this newspaper: the French revival of Quebec is not a racialist movement. In fact, those who try to retain linguistic divisions and ethnic separation are the racialists. The language and culture of Quebec, its French tradition belong to everyone living there.

THE TITO OF THE MIDDLE EAST EXPLAINS

THE SOVIET ENIGMA (3)

by Moshe Sneh, editor of Israel's Communist daily Kol Haam

The adaptation of communists theory to the lesson of reality on the question of the Jewish people means to examine the question: what are the national desires of the masses of the Jewish people, the Jewish working class, the popular Jewish strata? and enable these desires to be realized. This is the approach in principle of Marsixm-Leninism to national problems: satisfy national needs in order to clear the way for the workers to lead their class struggle for socialism. Above we discussed in detail what is taking place among the Jewish people in respect to national desires and therefore we can indicate directly what should be the correct communist approach to them:

A) The recognition of the rights of the Jewish citizen who so desires to leave the boundaries of the socialist state in order to immigrate to the historic homeland of the Jewish people, the state of Israel;

B) The recognition of the right of Jewish citizens who so desire to develop their national culture and language with the help of the socialist state;

C) The recognition of the right of the Jewish citizen of a socialist state to assimilate and be included in the nation in which he lives if he so desires;

D) The recognition of the right of the citizens of a socialist state who are determined as "Jewish nationhood" to maintain continuous cultural and friendly connections with the Jewish democratic institutions in foreign countries.

Special attention should be granted to the need to cultivate the democratic, progressive, humanistic heritage of Jewish history, culture and tradition. For a long historic period religion was the only form to express the spiritual life of the masses of the Jewish people and its best sons. In as much as the Jewish people is the only one that accepted Judaism, a kind of identification has been created between the national and religious concepts. This identification is a matter of the past but it is impossible to throw out treasures of fine human and national values from the heritage of our past because they were expressed in religious form and have been preserved in religious garb. There are fountains of social, moral and philosophic ideas and values in the ancient religious and modern secular Jewish heritage that can serve as a valuable resource for educating youth and mobilizing it for the battles for peace, brotherhood of peoples, national independence, democracy and socialism.

Stalin's thesis that every national movement is a bourgeois movement even if the proletariat "apparently" participates in it, applied to Zionism, distorted the view of reality. It is correct that the decisive influence on the policy and leadership of the Zionist movement was in the hands of the Jewish plutocracy - first of France, Germany, Great Britain and finally of the U.S. But in the countries of Jewish distress, especially in eastern Europe before and after the holocaust, the Zionist movement had a popular and broad national character and included masses from the discriminated against, persecuted and despairing strata of society that regarded immigration to Eretz Israel as their only salvation. This distinction between the summit and the popular public mass base was lacking in the communist approach to Zionism.

It also lacked the discernment of the dialectical development of the relationship between the Jewish community in Eretz Israel and British colonialism, in other words, between the Zionist undertaking and the mandatory government. According to the agreement between the Zionist summit and the British government, the mandatory British administration was obligated to help establish the "Jewish national home". In reality this help was accompanied by severe hinderances and setting the two peoples against each other, but due to objective circumstances and subjective motives the Jewish community succeeded in achieving the crystallization of a nation in the years of the British protectorate over Eretz Israel in spite of all such interference. And here one thing was transformed into its opposite; the Jewish community that was established under the protection of the British Empire came into total conflict with British policy and became a serious factor in the struggle for national liberation (1945-1948). The Jewish people in Israel was one of the main factors in the struggle against colonialism after the Second World War; it caused the British government to leave all of Eretz Israel and thereby played a major role in the battle against imperialism in the Near East.

In the struggle of the communist movement with Zionism insufficient thought was usually given to differenciate in the Zionist movement between the bourgeois right and the worker-pioneer left in which even a socialist left crystallized that revealed an ideological affinity to Marxism-Leninism.

The communistic battle against Zionism also suffered from ignoring the constructive and socialist-humanistic roles it fulfilled. With all its faults - the Zionist Organization, and especially its worker-pioneer wing, layed the foundations of a Jewish society in Eretz Israel and the State of Israel.

It goes without saying that the campaign of hate waged at present in a number of socialist states and with the participation of a number of against Zionism but actually against the Jewish people and the State of Israel should be reproved and rebuked. The identification of Zionism with imperialism and the comparison of Zionism with racialism and Nazism are insults to every Jew as a Jew. In opposition to the manifestations of anti-Arab Israeli chauvinism which appear parallel to anti-Israeli Arab chauvinism and national chauvinism in different countries in general, a constant struggle is being conducted in Israel by all the democratic forces and in this struggle the communists are often in one front with worker Zionist circles.

Today the Zionist movement is in the throes of a severe crisis because it has lost its ideological basis. As long as Zionism strove to establish a state or "national home" for the Jewish people in Eretz Israel the attitude to this aspiration was the dividing line between Zionists and other Jews. But after the State of Israel was established by the general effort of the vast majority of the Jewish people and the tie to the State of Israel is shared by all Jews, Zionism has lost its significance. If the intention is to rally the support of the Jews for the State of Israel, such support is much broader than the framework of the Zionist Organization. If the intention is "personal realization", that is to say, the immigration of Jews to Israel, most of the Zionists in the world don't do it and are opposed in principle to the identification of Zionism with the obligation of immigrating to Israel. Thus the Zionist Organization has changed from an instrument that connects Jews with Eretz Israel into an instrument that separates Jews in other countries from the State of Israel. Today the Zionist Organization is an agonizing body without inspiration and in recent congresses it has been confronted with the question: to be or not to be. The tasks that it fulfilled in Israel were transferred to the state, and its task abroad, i.e. to give expression to the tie between the Jews in other countries and the State of Israel, the Zionist Organization can not fulfill. But its functionaries and bureaucratic apparatus don't permit it do draw this conclusion and declare its dissolution; thus, the Zionist Organization continues to exist only because of inertia.

New Jewish communication, unification and organization on a world scale is possible and desirable if it is in keeping with the circumstances and demands of the times and is based on such unifying principles as: the struggle for peaceful coexistence in the world in general in which Jews live, on all the continents in all regimes, and in the Near East in particular between Israel and the Arab countries; the struggle against Fascism, anti-semitism and national oppression everywhere; the support of the State of Israel and concrete expression of the tie between Israel and the Jews in other countries; and the cultivation of democratic Jewish culture and tradition and its transmission to the young generation.

Last of a series

BOOKS OF THE WEEK

by Dr. Arnold Ages

EXISTENTIAL ABSURDITIES

LIVING-ROOM WAR
by Michael J. Arlen
Viking (MacMillan) 242 pp.

In Michael J. Arlen television has found its critical Waterloo. In this fascinating volume Mr. Arlen, a writer for the New Yorker magazine has gathered some 40 pieces dealing with the television industry and its concomitants, show business and politics. His essays are literate, witty and provocative.

The title of the book LIVING-ROOM WAR is an ironic name used to describe television's daily reportage of the Vietnam conflict. On all the issues dealt with in this volume this war is a theme to which Mr. Arlen returns constantly. His criticism of the major American networks for their "neutrality" is bitter. "I wonder if NBC's television-news people really undetstand the degree of complicity with official government policy that they achieve by presenting government statements at face value and then simply not asking the questions that intelligent men are bound to be concerned about." The author explains that he cannot help but be critical about news bulletins emanating from Vietnam because in sheer volume American journalism exceeds only rubber as that country's chief export!

Arlen is particularly annoyed by network specials on Army problems. The much publicized "Same Mud, Same Blood," a program about the Negro soldier in Vietnam draws the author's ire. What the viewer saw was 60 minutes of "various white and black soldiers patting each other on the back about what a great thing it is to be a Negro in the United States Army, where a man is a man and so forth: what a great thing it is for the Negro (who is now presumably extended the possibility of achieving manhood and death in the same instant - certainly a classical, if not an entirely forward step), and what a great redemptive thing, by implication, it is for all us poor benighted heathen back here in our segregated clubs and ice cream parlors."

Arlen has a kind of magisterial sweep as he surveys the television landscape. He likes CBS's Harry Reasoner because he exudes honest charm. Morley Safer's battlefield reports on the same network have a ring of truth because Safer sometimes appears out of breath and disorganized. Walter Lippmann, the political pundit comes out in the Arlen lexicon as the Fisher King, the legendary mystical clairvoyant.

I think that Arlen better than most has succeeded in capturing some of the existential absurdities of life as they issue forth from the tube. In a memorable chapter he describes in detail several military operations covered by network newsmen. The camera has been most effective in showing the color and stains of war, the wounded civilians, the bombed out houses, the shrill report of exploding mortars - in short all the horrors of modern warfare. Then the author turns to another channel and what does he see - President Eisenhower presenting Arnold Palmer with the Bob Hope golf award against the backdrop of a peaceful blue sky!

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CHECKLIST

CRISIS AT THE VICTORY BURLESK
by Robert Fulford
Oxford University Press
225 ppg.

A collection of essays by one of Canada's better newspaper columnists. Among the many astute observations made by social critic Fulford is the disturbing fact that the television can often reduce the scope and hence the quality of even the great classics. I found the best piece to be the essay on censorship. It's a witty critique of establishment morality.

OUR NEXT PRESIDENT
by Russell Baker
McClelland & Stewart
108 pp.

Russell Baker should stick to political reporting. His novelistic effort to tell a story about what happened when the American electoral college produced a deadlock on the presidential designate is superficial and facile. Only when Baker concentrates on analyzing the politician's mind does his story have any momentum.

ISRAEL AND THE BIBLE
by William Hendriksen
G.R. Welch 63 ppg.

The pendulum has swung back again. It's no longer fashionable to be "soft on Jews." Henderson tries to repair the damage of the Vatican Council by explaining that the Jews really did kill Jesus because the New Testament says so. That does not mean, however, the author hastens to add, that Christians should cease loving Jews. It's only by loving and understanding Jews that Christians can ever hope to convert them. Ho hum . . .

Letters to the Editor

CALIFORNIA GRAPES

Dear Editor:

The Executive Board of the Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship, comprising the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis of our area, adopted the following resolution concerning the boycott of California grapes:

The matter of the boycott against use of California grapes has become increasingly confused on the local scene.

After thorough investigation -- both through study and through a personal visit to California by the Social Actions Committees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the United Synagogue of America, The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative) and the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox) -- the Rabbis reached the conclusion that the grape growers of California were unethical and unfair in their campaign to refuse unionization to oppressed farm workers.

Acting on the basis of this information and in accordance with Jewish ethical principles, the above requested its members and their congregations to refuse to purchase or use California grapes until such time as the rights of workers in the grape vineyards are respected.

Nothing has happened to change this decision. Despite any propaganda to the contrary, the Rabbis of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform persuasion are hoping that their members will take this advice seriously in their homes, their synagogues and all arms of the congregation.

In taking this action, the various groups of Rabbis has followed upon the most authentic of Jewish traditions -- that our ethical principles must be applied to every area of life, even -- or perhaps especially -- when the consequence is inconvenience or economic loss.

The ethical and Jewishly religious course of action here is clear. The only question is whether we will have the courage and honesty to follow it.

Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship,
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Beth Torah Congregation, Vice-President.
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Beth El Congregation, Secretary-Treasurer.

the lively arts
THEATRE MUSIC FILM
by D. COHN

* Eight Chagall paintings, four of them in full color, have been reproduced in Sovietish Heimland, the Moscow Yiddish periodical, in its February issue. This is the first time that any Chagall works have been reproduced in the Soviet Union.

The paintings accompany a report by the editor of Sovietish Heimland, Aaron Vergelis, of his interview with Marc Chagall in the south of France in which he stresses the Jewish motifs in Chagall's work.

He also discloses in his report that Zair Azgur, a Jewish sculptor from Vitebsk, now described as a White Russian artist, has sculpted Yehuda Halevi and now is working on a figure of Ibn Ezra.

What Vergelis does not say is that Azgur has executed this work in the privacy of his home and it never has been exhibited in the Soviet Union.

Another item of interest in the February issue of Sovietish Heimland is an article about Ludmilla Gurvich, the world pistol-shooting champion who is Jewish. She was trained by her father, an ace pilot who is a hero of the Soviet Union, Col. Semion Isaakovich Gurvich.

* Goodbye, Columbus, Paramount Pictures' film based on Philip Roth's National Book Award winner about a young couple's summer love affair, has a special appeal to youth. Starring are Richard Benjamin, Jack Klugman, Nan Martin.

* Contending for the role of Portnoy in the film version of the best selling Philip Roth novel, Portnoy's Complaint, are Tony Curtis, Jerry Orbach, Gene Wilder, Woody Allen, Anthony Roberts. Decision will be made by Ernest Lehman, producer-director.

* Jackie Mason will do a comedy album based on his forthcoming play, A Teaspoon Every Four Hours.

* Rod Steiger and Claire Bloome have joined the husband-wife teams making movies together. They had planned never to work in the same film but after doing two, and their marriage is still intact, they may make it a habit.

* Jennifer Grant was three years old last Saturday. Mama Dyan Cannon gave her a party. Papa Cary Grant attended. The multi-millionaire 65-year-old star gave her as a gift a child's hair dryer from Faberge. Cary is a director of the company.

* Eli Wallach and Anne Jackson will have minor roles in Harry Belafonte's The Angel Levine.

* Says Earl Wilson: A man grumbled about his wife's cooking. "When she wants to punish the kids she sends them to bed with dinner."

* The late Al Jolson once ordered pie a la mode and protested at the $1.20 price. "How much is pie?" he wanted to know. "Fifty cents." "How much is ice cream?" "Fifty cents." "So why $1.20?" "The twenty cents is for the a la mode." "O.K.," said Al, "just give me the pie and the ice cream and I'll do without the a la mode."

* Herbert Tarr, whose paperback, Heaven Help Us, is No. 1, threatens a new book, Mama Portnoy Strikes Back.

* Thirty-two-year-old Israeli born conductor Eliahu Inbal is rapidly emerging as one of the most gifted conductors of his age group. He is generously endowed with all the technical and personal attributes of the ideal conductor: a clearcut, decisive beat, knowing what he wants and seeing that he gets it without the slightest fuss or ostentation.

* Hanna Aronni, Ethiopian born Israeli singer who lives in the States, sings in ten languages and speaks six fluently.

* Composer-pianist Aaron Copland (Kaplan) was born in Brooklyn but grew to musical maturity in Paris under the guidance of Nadia Boulanger.

* Alan Jay Lerner likes his hair longish at the nape. "I wore it long before it was supposed to be stylish." He would let his sideburns grow if he didn't absentmindedly trim them when he shaved.

* It's rumored that Jerry Lewis may star in a Broadway show. So may Milton Berle.

* Canille Saint-Saens (Cohen) was born in 1835 and died in 1921 at the age of 86. At the age of 2 1/2 he was picking out tunes at the piano. He had absolute pitch. At three he wrote his first piece.

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KING'S ENGLISH

A tourist sightseeing in Tel Aviv reported that a certain butcher shop recently attracted quite some attention, not because of its low prices but because of a sign prominently displayed in the window which read: "Kosher Butcher Kills Himself Once a Week."

ROOM FOR ALL

Shortly after his arrival in Bucharest, Reuven Rubin, Israel's first Minister to Roumania, asked members of his staff to ascertain how many Jews still were living in Roumania. A few days later he received the report there were about 250,000.

"And how many people want to leave the country and go to Israel?" he asked an assistant.

"Sixteen million, sir," was the reply. "The whole population of Roumania!"

TO EACH HIS OWN

For many years the head office of the Zionist Organization in London was housed in the building adjoining the British Museum. A young Israeli, a member of the diplomatic clerical staff, was walking through Bloomsbury one day when he was stopped by an elderly tourist who politely asked him for the directions to the British Museum. The young man pointed towards the palatial building off Russel Square and said: "You can't miss it, sir, it's right next door to the Zionist Office."

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

The Book of Leviticus, commenced by this week's reading, is known in Jewish sources as "Torat Kohanim" - the "Law of the Priests". It is concerned-largely with the laws regulating the sacrifices which were offered in the Sanctuary, and later in the Temple. The modern mind finds it hard to accept the role of sacrifices as compatible with high, ethical religion. Yet there is much evidence of the hold that the sacrificial service had upon the people in ancient Israel. Indeed animal sacrifice has existed from time immemorial as an expression of man's religious feeling, indicating his prayerfulness, his gratitude, and his desire for reconciliation.

It is against this background that Jewish teachers have sought to explain the place of sacrifice in the Torah. Some have looked for a symbolic meaning. They point, for instance, to the very word for "sacrifice" - "Korban" — which is from a root meaning "near", and conveys the idea of man seeking by his offering to come near to God. So also the "Olah" (Burnt-Offering) had to be wholly consumed by fire ,symbolising the individual's complete self surrender to God. In fact the sages often explained that the animal sacrifice symbolised, and came in place of, the offering up of man himself.

But other teachers adopted a more rationalist attitude; and notable among these is Maimonides. According to him the sacrificial system was given a place in the Torah as an accommodation to the way of thinking of a primitive people, as a means of gradually weaning them of the idolatrous practices of the surrounding nations and lifting them on to a more spiritual plane. The sacrifices were thus never intended as an ideal arrangement; only the people were so steeped in this universal institution that they had to be divorced from it slowly, by degrees; and the Torah therefore legislated a number of limitations.

"We were not commanded to sacrifice in every place and in every time, or to build a Temple in every place, or to permit anyone who desires to become a priest and to sacrifice. On the contrary, all this is prohibited to us" (Guide, chap. 32). We were to have only one Temple, and in no other place were sacrifices to be offered; while only the members of one family were allowed to officiate as priests. "All these restrictions served to limit this kind of worship, and keep it within bounds within which God did not think it necessary to abolish sacrificial service altogether" (ib.).

Yet the sacrificial rite had its place in the scheme of Judaism until the close of the Temple period; and it was only when it showed signs of sinking to the level of the magic and incantation that characterised the cults of the primitive world in general - when it was sought to cover up immorality and inhumanity by the mere formalism of the sacrificial act - only then were the prophets moved to cry out, not against the sacrifice, but against the insincerity and hypocrisy of the people. And after the destruction of the Temple, the Sacrificial Service was naturally replaced by Prayer - which the Rabbis said was but "the service of the heart". The heart - the intention or "kavvanah" - was, and is, all important.

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BALLET SPRING SEASON

Coming Monday, through March 29th, the National Ballet of Canada performs at O'Keefe Center. Cinderella will be enacted in full. This is the first time Celia Franca's full-length production will be produced in North America.

Romeo and Juliet, set to the enchanting music of Serge Prokofiev, will remain a high spot in the memories of balletomanes.

The Four Temperaments, a major creation in abstraction by Balanchine and set to the music of Paul Hindemith's Theme and Four Variations For Piano And Strings, graces the National Ballet's repertoire for the first time this year.

In Cyclus, choreographer Grant Strate recreates this eternal conflict between war and peace and man's inability to abide by a peaceful existence.

And of course, there is Swan Lake, by popular demand, Erik Bruhn's daring and revolutionary interpretation of the dance magnificently set and costumed by Tony Awardwinner Desmond Heeley.

GRACE IN BALLET.-Vanessa Harwood and Jeremy Blanton in a scene from George Balanchine's The Four Temperaments, which will be performed Monday evening, opening night of the National Ballet of Canada, at Toronto's O'Keefe Center.

LAYTON IN TORONTO

Canadian poet Irving Layton will read from his own work on Monday, March 24th, at the Parliament Street Library. The reading will be presented by the Toronto Public Library and the Metropolitan Educational Television Association.

CRITIC RAVE

Ida Kaminska, who will appear with the Jewish Theater Company in Mirele Efros at the Royal Alexandra Theater, April 4th, 5th and 6th, is everybody's darling. Critics say, "Plenty to laugh at and a lot to cry about ... Ida Kaminska is a craftsman of the first order...an actress of superb gifts...a kind of play that is not often seen... the performing is excellent..." And on and on and on with superlatives.

FEATURED IN FAMOUS CLASSIC DRAMA.-Ida Kaminska, matriarch of the Yiddish stage, and her husband Marian Melman, who costar in Mirele Efros, playing at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theater, April 4th, 5th, 6th.

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Perhaps it is not an accident that both Hasek and Kafka came from the same Bohemian atmosphere of Prague, a city and capital of a country oppressed for centuries, where people had to fight the "law" with good humor, satire and healthy laughter.

How else could the Czechs have survived the Austro-Hungarian oppression of centuries and how else will they be able to live through the present Soviet liberation?

Schweik is mobilized into the Austro-Hungarian Army during the First World War. But because of his candor, he constantly becomes entangled with legal problems which his simple mind cannot grasp. Yet he manages to survive by his smile, his smile of contempt of the social order which is stronger than the knout of the ruler.

It is the humor, the ridicule that kills the hatred and hypocrisy of the mighty. Schweik is the symbol of the freedom loving, easy going, optimistic human fighting for survival and somehow always overcoming those who would complicate our existence on this planet.

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It is to the credit of director George Luscombe, his ingenuity and understanding, that brings out the best in Ray Whelan as Schweik and the entire cast. Nancy Jowsey has done wonders with her simple designs -- a soft, translucent backdrop in black and white which, while revealing, leaves some to one's imagination.

Certainly not to be overlooked is Ditta Paabo, a most talented pianist whose support, always on cue, lends much to the all-around atmosphere.

The Good Soldier Schweik at TWP Theater on Alexander Street merits its reputation of this season's Good Theater.

EL AL NEVER SLACKENS.-Dr. Steinberg (center) of Toronto who led a tour to Israel via El Al Israel Airlines from New York. The group is seen upon arrival recently at Lod Airport.

RAHAMIN FIRED IN SELF DEFENSE

Haifa (JCNS) - The shooting by Mordecai Rahamin of one of the terrorists who attacked an El Al airliner at Zurich airport last month was a classic case of self-defence, the Israeli Minister of Justice, Yaacov Shapiro, stated at a meeting here last week.

Mr. Rahamin's legal position was yet to be decided under the laws of Switzerland, but he would go scot-free under the Anglo-Saxon and Israeli legal systems.

Replying to questions from the audience about whether the Zurich attack and the Jerusalem supermarket bomb outrage would cause any change in Israeli policy in the occupied territories, Mr. Shapiro said that the liberal policy in these areas was not governed by what Arab terrorists did but by the simple fact of Israelis and Arabs living together.

Mr. Gideon Rafael, the director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, also spoke in Haifa in connection with the Zurich raid, in which he almost lost his life. The Arab terrorist organizations were nothing but regular forces of the Arab Government's tolerating their existence on their soil, he said.

Those countries, which give the organizations material and moral support, were also responsible for them, he added.

Mr. Raphael said that, during the past 20 years, the terrorists had shown that they were unable to change Israel's situation by a single iota. However, they had changed the situation of the Arab nations for the worse.

ISRAELI-ARAB MASTERPLAN

Haifa (JCNS) - A three-year rural development plan for Israel's Arab and Druse communities is in the final stage of preparation by the office of the Prime Minister's adviser on Arab affairs.

The first such plan, covering five years, was begun in 1962 and completed in 1967. The new one calls for expenditures of 115 million Israeli pounds (about 12 1/2 million pounds) and foresees improvements in almost every facet of life in the Arab and Druse villages in Galilee and the north-west, with the main emphasis on raising farming standards.

Approach roads will be built to more than 20 villages; 15 villages will be linked to the national power grid. Two new telephone exchanges will be built and another, at Carmiel, will be expanded.

Improvements will be carried out in the water supply and irrigation networks, and farming mechanization increased. More arable land will be cultivated, drainage schemes will be pushed through, and fruit growing will be expanded.

Housing and small industries will be improved, another 1,400 classrooms will be added to elementary schools, and the Arab teachers' training institute will provide 200 graduates a year, instead of the present 75.

Nearly all the money will come from Government funds, either in the form of loans to local authorities or as grants.

ROTHSCHILD'S WINE

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Carmel's Biblical trade symbol, two men carrying a cluster of grapes on a pole between them, is rumored to be taken from a religious painting said to be owned at one time by Baron Edmund de Rothschild. The painting, which today hangs in the Louvre, was painted by Poussin between the years 1660 and 1664.

MONTREAL NOTES

HONOREE

Hyman Mendelson, a past chancellor of Unitas Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be honored by the lodge at a luncheon in support of Israel Bonds, Sunday, March 23rd. Amnon Eiran Rafael, Israeli attorney and author, will be guest speaker. Dave Rosenthal is chairman of Bonds for the lodge.

CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Saul Cohen, immediate past president of the Montreal Chapter, Women's Branch, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, is Israel Bonds chairman for the Orthodox sisterhoods.

GUEST ARTIST

Mark Thatcher, Montreal singer, will be guest artist at a dinner of tribute to Max M. Richler at the Young Israel of Val Royal Synagogue this Sunday. The dinner is sponsored by the Young Israel of Val Royal and Val Royal Lodge, B'nai B'rith, in conjunction with the Montreal Israel Bonds Organization. Isadore I. Prazoff, Q.C. will be dinner chairman. Oscar Goldman and George Reinhart are Israel Bonds cochairmen for the synagogues; Rabbi Joseph Deitcher is spiritual leader and Sam Gandell, president of the congregation. Both are honorary cocharmen. Martin Bellin and Mac Levine are conveners for the Lodge, Mrs. Jonah Cossever is liaison for the synagogue sisterhood.

TO BE HONORED

William B. Cohen, a leader of Montreal Jewry, will be honored by the Chevra Kadisha-B'nai Jacob Congregation at the testimonial dinner on the occasion of his 81st birthday, Sunday, March 30th, in conjunction with Montreal Israel Bonds. General S.L.A. Marshall, U.S. military analyst and historian, will be guest speaker. Simon Cobrin and Harry Cohen are dinner cochairmen.

OFFICERS

Ben Block has been elected president of the United Talmud Torahs of Montreal, succeeding Ben Beutel. Other officers: Harry Cohen, first vice president; Harry Gascoe, second vice president; Moe Rosenstone, third vice president; David Becker, treasurer; Joseph Caplan, secretary.

OPERATION PASSOVER

The Davis Y teenagers are in the midst of their "Operation Passover, 1969. The program evolved as a result of the teenagers feeling for Jewish families having difficulty meeting their special needs during this Passover season. They've just begun a door-to-door blitz sale of haggadahs.

FORUM

Home and School Association, St. Laurent Talmud Torah School, held an open forum Wednesday night.

SISTERHOOD MEET

Sisterhood of Young Israel of Val Royal held a meeting last week. Rabbi Joseph Deitcher reviewed Jews of Silence, by Elie Wiesel.

IMAGINARY TEA

Chaim Revzen Junior Unit, Jewish Hospital of Hope, will have an imaginary tea on Wednesday, March 26th, at the home of Mrs. H. Bercovitch.

LUNCHEON

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TEL AVIV HAS THE LOWEST BIRTHRATE

By JCNS Correspondent
Tel Aviv

In spite of appeals by Government leaders for larger Jewish families, the birthrate in Tel Aviv dropped sharply to 13.2 for every 1,000 inhabitants in 1967 from 19 per 1,000 in 1957. (The 1968 figures are not yet available.)

This was reported by the city's department of statistics, which pointed out that the birth-rate was the lowest in Israel and much below the figure needed to maintain the present level of population, without taking into consideration the natural increase believed necessary to meet the situation posed by the higher Arab birth-rate in the country.

COUNCIL ACTION

The rport also stated that during the past five years the average size of the Tel Aviv family decreased from a figure of 3.5 to 3.2.

Rabbi Y.M. Abramowitz, the Deputy Mayor and the head of the city's social welfare department, has appealed for a meeting of the council to discuss ways of increasing the birth-rate, which has also been the subject of Ministerial exhortations.

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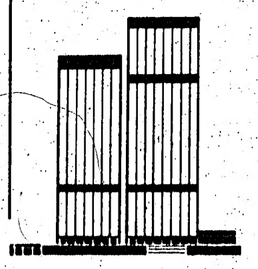

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BULLETINS

RUSSIA WANTS TO "FREEZE" MIDDLE EAST IN HER FAVOR

Haifa (JCNS).- "The Soviet Government's so-called peace plan contradicts the United Nations Security Council's one-sided censure of Israel (for the Beirut raid of retaliation), the French arms embargo and the Damascus and Baghdad declarations rejecting the Soviet peace proposals and recognition of Israel, reduced peace chances and encouraged the terrorist organizations.

FALSE PROPAGANDA

These organizations had begun a misleading campaign claiming that they represented the liberation movement of Arab nationalism. But, "this is false propaganda which is penetrating world opinion and some groups here, too.

"The fact is that the aim of these organizations is terror for terror's sake and not the achievement of national aims. They do not act on behalf of the Arab people."

Mr. Allon then said that the objectives of the terrorist operations were to render peace negotiations by the Arab Governments difficult, to compel Israel to spend more on defence, to demoralize the Israeli people and discourage immigrants and touists.

But these aims had not been achieved and "immigration and tourism are growing."

Mr. Allon also gave warning that Israel supported the ceasefire, but if terrorist activities from the Gilead Hills increased, action to "stop violations" could not be ruled out.

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MATZOT FROM "JOINT"

New York (JCNS) - About 520,000 lb. of matzot and other Passover supplies have been sent by the American Joint Distribution Committee to Europe for distribution among Jewish communities there, it was announced here last week.

According to Mr. Samuel L. Haber, the JDC's executive vice-chairman, 386,000 lb. were earmarked for Rumania - of which 326,000 lb. of regular matzot, 440 lbs. of shmura matzot, and 59,600 lb. of matzo meal.

About 12,000 lb. of matzot have been sent to Melilla, in Spanish Morocco, and smaller quantities to seven other Jewish communities in Europe - Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Yugoslavia.

In addition, special grants will be given to needy Jews in Morocco, Tunisia and Iran to enable them to purchase locally produced Passover supplies. Because of technical difficulties in Tunisia, which Mr. Haber did not explain, it may become necessary to purchase some 85,000 lb. of matzot abroad for distribution there.

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FORMER AUSTRIAN-JEWISH ECONOMIST JOINS NIXON ADMINISTRATION

Washington (JCNS).- President Nixon's newly appointed top adviser on domestic affairs is an Austrian-Jewish economist, Professor Arthur F. Burns, a long-time friend of Israel. Professor Burns is the second Jew in Mr. Nixon's Administration. The first appointed, with the rank of special assistant, was Dr. Henry Kissinger.

Professor Burns is one of the sponsors of "American Professors for Peace in the Middle East", an influential organization of more than 10,000 scholars committed to striving for "a just and lasting peace" in the Middle East and direct Arab-Israel negotiations.

Mr. Nixon called Professor Burns a "long-time friend and trusted adviser". He served as chairman of President Eisenhower's council of economic advisers and made a fact-finding tour of Europe for Mr. Nixon last autumn. He will have the title of Counsellor to the President, which carries Cabint rank.

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GENERAL HERZOG FORECASTS UPHEAVALS IN ARAB COUNTRIES

London (JCNS).- Major-General Chaim Herzog told a large gathering of members of the Inter-University Jewish Federation and many leaders of the Anglo Jewish community that he believed "we are on the eve, historically speaking, of major upheavals in the Arab world which will have far-reaching effects". He was giving the Golden Jubilee lecture of the Federation, of which he is the president. His subject was: "Jewish youth and the Challenge of Tomorrow".

"We are told", he said, "that the Arab peoples do not want peace talks. How does anyone know? The only place where there is free discussion is in Israel; the only free Arab newspaper in the Middle East, with the possible exception of Lebanon, which opposes the Arab governments, is published by Arabs in Jerusalem". He then said that because of the geographical gains of the Six Day War, Israel's defence lines were today easily defensible. There was much debate in Israel as to what would be the basis of a future peace. But there was no debate on the question of Israel's sitting tight in the territories she occupied until a real peace settlement was achieved.

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He has been left six times since his birth with family or friends when my wife and I went away for long weekends or a week. He appeared perfectly well adjusted on our return.

We considered the problem as my mother suggested before planning the trip, and dismissed it. Perhaps we have underestimated it.

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He is beginning to talk and to make his needs and wants known. But he is still far from being the master over these verbal expressions, which the parent understands, but which might be unclear to someone who doesn't know him as well.

The child can take separation for a morning or an afternoon at this stage. When he experiences, again and again, that the parent may leave, but is always sure to return, his tolerance becomes greater.

It is easier for young infants to take such a separation from parents when they are with loved ones, like grandparents or aunts whom they know and by whom they feel loved, than when they are older. It is best, however, even when they are able to tolerate a separation, for the relative who is going to be with the child to come to the child's house. While the way he is being handled and treated may be different the surroundings are the same.

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IT WAS NO DOUBT KIND AND GENEROUS OF YOUR friends to offer to take care of your little boy. In a family of four children, a little one may be enjoyed, at first, but may then be seen as an intruder on their family life. They wonder why the parent takes on an additional child, when she complains about how hard she works to take care of her own family. They then feel that what mother is giving to the little guest is at their own expense. Any tensions are felt by the little one and may increase his insecurities and fears.

Knowing her little grandson and loving him as she evidently does your mother is giving you wise counsel. If you feel you must leave him, a possible solution might be for your mother to take a two weeks' vacation at your expense, while she stays with your little son. Then the two of you might relax and enjoy your vacation without feeling guilty or anxious.

WILL APPEAR IN RECITAL.-Pauline Julien, who will perform at Toronto's Massey Hall on Wednesday evening, April 2nd.

NER ISRAEL ALUMNI LUNCHEON

An informal luncheon organized by former students of Toronto's Ner Israel Yeshiva College and open to all of their fellows will take place this Sunday, March 23rd, 3:00 p.m., in the Yeshiva dining hall.

The Yeshiva has been in existence for ten years. Many of its former students are married or are continuing their education at various secular universities.

Some of the primary aims of the association will be to increase opportunities for continuing Torah study among the alumni, encourage greater interaction with Yeshiva faculty, seek expanded involvement in overall community affairs and intensify alumni involvement in the formulation of Yeshiva policy and curriculum as well as the direction of its expansion as an institution.

At the luncheon will be: Rabbi Yaacov S. Weinberg, dean; Rabbi Sholom Gold, principal; other faculty members.

MARKS
by Ruthie

When I was a youngster, I used to pray for the day I wouldn't have to be concerned about school. Getting up early, exams, studying --- ugh!

So now what happens? I'm not going to school --- but my children are. And that in itself is significant. Because with the stories I have to listen to, the explanations they dream up before the punchline --- I almost feel like going to school for them to avoid them more tzorres (troubles). As a mother, you know what I mean.

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I learned very early in life that with my parents I couldn't get away with anything. They always knew when report card time came --- once a month. And a couple of days before, they started needling me, "Nu, are you prepared? Don't say we didn't warn you. I don't see you pick up a book. No friends this weekend. You better not bring home what you brought last month. Do you understand the arithmetic this time? Should I listen to the spelling? Gedenk (remember), no movies if there's no improvement."

Those remarks and more dogged me every step I took. And it didn't help everytime Papa threw me a dirty look whenever he passed by just to let me know what could happen if I didn't come up to his expectations.

It wasn't enough for them if I just passed. If I got a "B plus", I was questioned like by the FBI why I couldn't make an "A".

In those days report cards had only three marks --- for effort, work and conduct. A "B plus" could mean an 80 but you'd always complain, "That stingy teacher! I got an 89 so it would kill her if she gave me another point to make it an 'A'?" But beyond that we couldn't improvise.

The fact that I pointed to the "A minus" in effort was no use because I was put through third degree about the "C" in conduct. And always I had the usual answer, "I didn't do anything. She always picks on me."

Nu, somehow I was promoted. And I graduated. I have my diploma to prove it.

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You think it's much different today? Though it's a little harder on the kids. They get specific marks.

If it's a 50, you can't make a 60 out of it. It's no more arithmetic; the term is, mathematics. Also, they don't get just plain English so they could whine about what part of the subject pulled that wonderful mark down. Now it's divided into spelling, grammar, literature, with a comment about each.

And cry my children can; always they'd get an "A" but for one little thing. They complain before, while and after I scrutinize their marks. It gets so, you're on their side.

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"Papa said, "Why are you so fresh?" You say, "Why don't you stick up for yourself?" Papa said, "Ministom (probably) the teacher's right." You say, "How could they hire the jerk?" Papa gave you a little tap that knocked you senseless. You're ready to console the little monsters.

When they tell you they're no good in art, you comfort them by saying you couldn't even draw a straight line with a ruler.

Of course, it's wrong. But you try using reverse psychology (that word again). If they are led to believe you weren't any better, maybe they'll try to top you. Of course, you leave yourself wide open because they could retort, "Well, we take after you."

Seriously, one thing, though, in my family stands: right or wrong, the teacher is always right. Respect. Eventually the kids will pass, even if it's to get rid of them.

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I can't tell a lie. There always is that constant "A" --- for attendance. Unless, God forbid, it's a big fever, to school they go, rain or shine.

As long as they're healthy, who needs them underfoot, if you know what I mean?

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TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

LECTURE

The Women's Auxiliary of the Baycrest Center for Geriatric Care will present the final evening lecture of its current series, Tuesday, March 25th, at the Home.

Dr. Benjamin Schlessinger, associate professor of the School of Social Work, University of Toronto, will discuss: How Do We Plan for Our Tomorrow?

Chairman of the series is Mrs. Irving Wintrob.

GENERAL MEET

This coming Monday evening, Sisterhood of Beth Meyer Congregation will hold a general meeting. Guest speaker will be Dr. Norman Gunn. Topic: The Difference between Christians and Gentiles.

DINNER

Sisterhood of Adath Israel will hold its donor dinner next Tuesday evening. Convenors are Min Blidner, Betty Cohen, Eva Sax. Florence Mudrick is Donor chairman.

MET

Eitz Chaim Mothers Association held a general meeting recently, presided over by Mrs. H. Fishbane, president. Sylvia Zeifman collected library card donations. Rachel Weinstock, secretary, read the minutes.

A committee was elected to assist the music department of the school, headed by Clara Green and Miriam Maierovits. Nominations and elections will be held in May.

The recently held rummage sale was convened by Sylvia Zeifman.

Dorothy Klein, Esther Rubinstein and Frimchu Wurtzburger were thanked for their efforts on behalf of the recent luncheon.

Speaker of the evening was Dr. Y. Shields. Topic: Drug Taking and Its Relationship with Kashrut and Pesach.

Recipe

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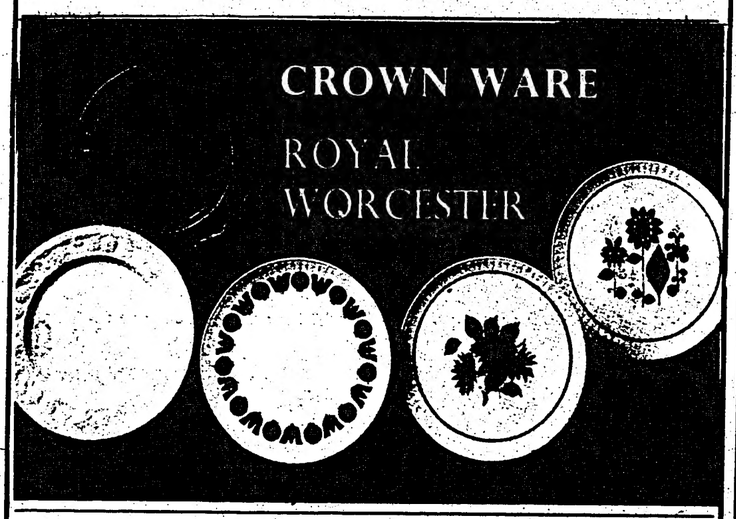

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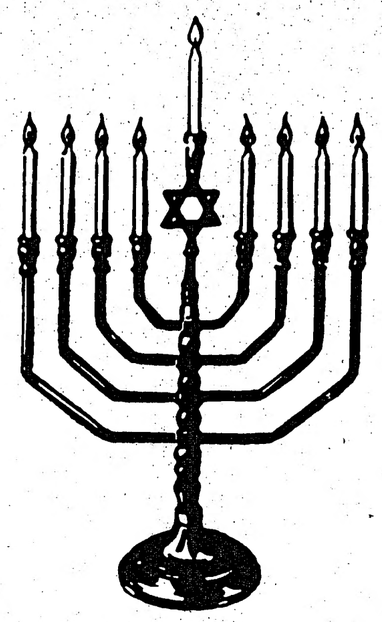

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